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## Opposition to the Current Regulations to the Treaty

I have heard things regarding the Hague Treaty during this past year but not until recently did I realize how it would effect my life.

I am a stay at home mom with my 2 year old daughter who my husband and I adopted from China last year. Our lives have never been better, since she has come into our life. After many years of dealing with infertility and the emotions that go along with that and then realizing that there no way to have children of our own, adoption way the only way and we would love to give our daughter a sibling on day.

Adoption is another emotional roller coaster that parents have to deal with and there are many months along with mountains of paperwork that have to be done along with the financial aspect. But it was all worth it in the end.

After reading the regulations for the Hague Treaty, I am **strongly opposed** and hope that you would consider more research into international adoption and the effect it would have on my family and the thousands of other families that want to adopt. What will become of the children waiting to be adopted? There are wonderful families waiting for these children and they deserve the right to have that family

Again, please don't do anything that will effect the lives of so many people, especially young children. If you have never been through this experience, don't take it upon yourselves to effect the lives of others by making adoption even more difficult than is already is. Contact adoption agencies, get to know the adopted children and you will see why the Hague Treaty is not good.

Thank you your time.

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